



Word of the Week

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Truncate
(verb)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

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Truncate (verb)

Definition

to make something shorter or quicker,
especially by removing the end of it

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Synonyms

Shorten

Curtail

Abbreviate

Reduce

Diminish

Antonyms

Lengthen

Extend

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Truncate (verb)

Examples

“The sudden heavy rain and wind led them to truncate the picnic.”

“Television coverage of the event was truncated by a technical fault.”

“They had to truncate the movie so that its runtime would be less than two hours.”

Can you come up with your own?

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National Numeracy Day is this Wednesday 22 May and **truncate** also has a numerical meaning.

What might it mean in this situation? Think about the definition we have already seen.

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Truncate (verb)

To truncate a number, we miss off digits past a certain point in the number, filling-in zeros if necessary to make the truncated number approximately the same size as the original number.

For example:

Truncate 3.784 to 1 decimal place

3.7|84 truncated to 1 decimal place is 3.7

Truncate 63,854 to 3 significant figures.

63,8|54 truncated to 3 significant figures is 63800

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Truncate (verb)

Can you **truncate**...

1. 0.1845 to 1 decimal place

0.1|845

0.1

1. 5.7654 to 2 decimal places

5.76|54

5.76

1. 4.7345 to 3 decimal places

4.734|5

4.734

1. 26549 to 3 significant figures

265|49

26500